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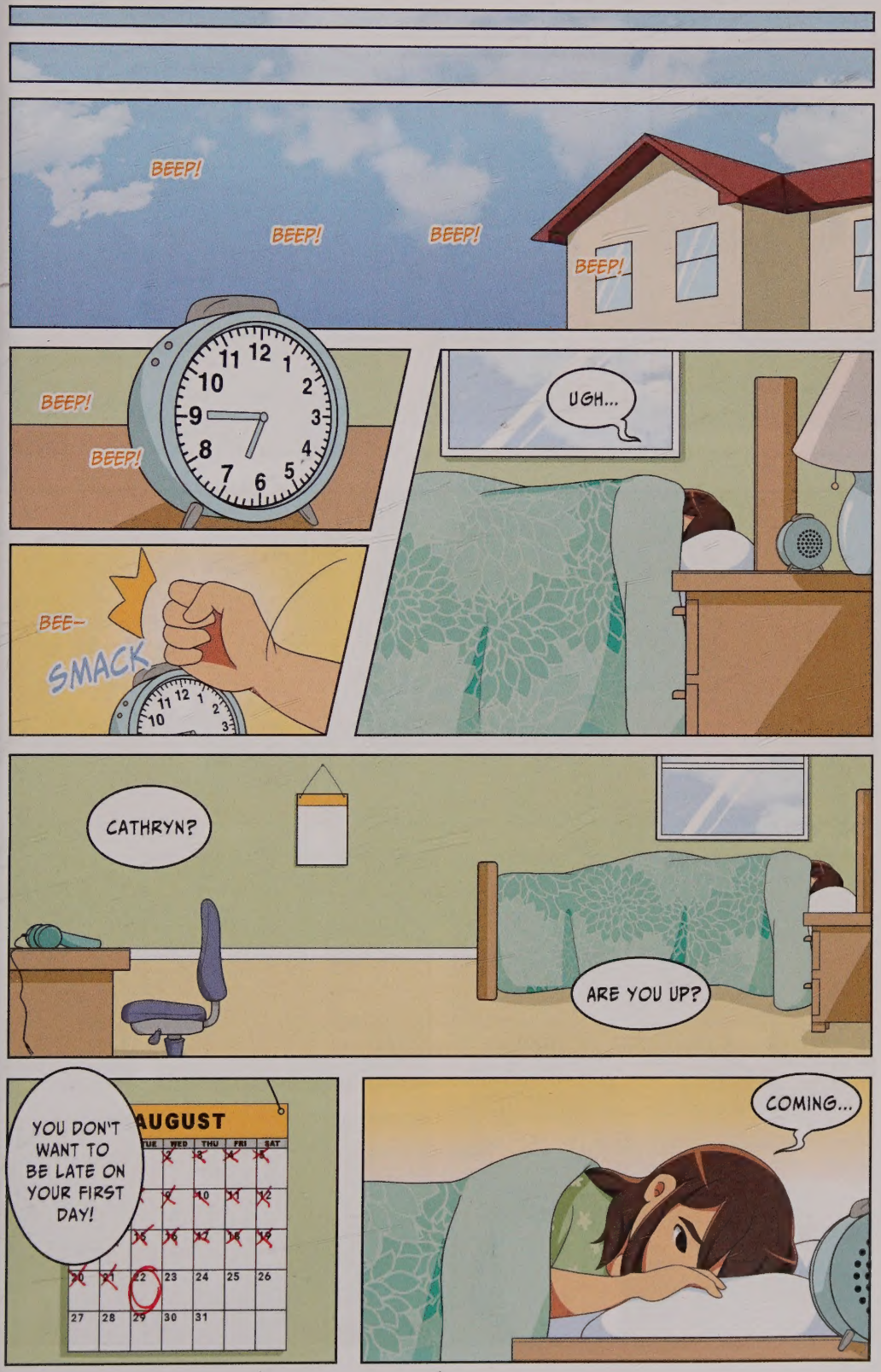
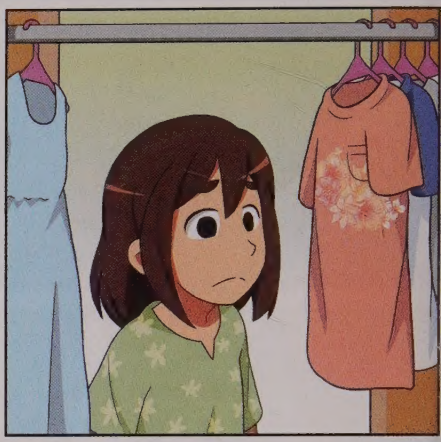
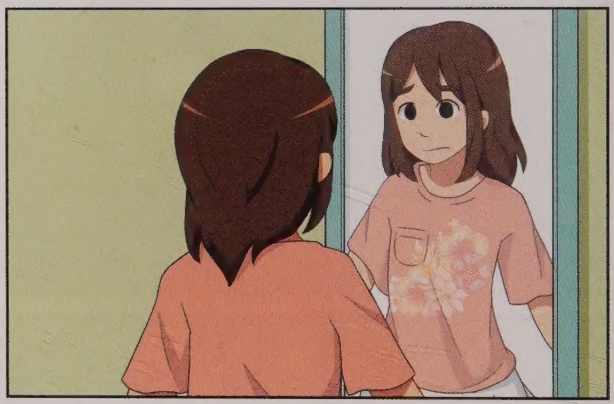
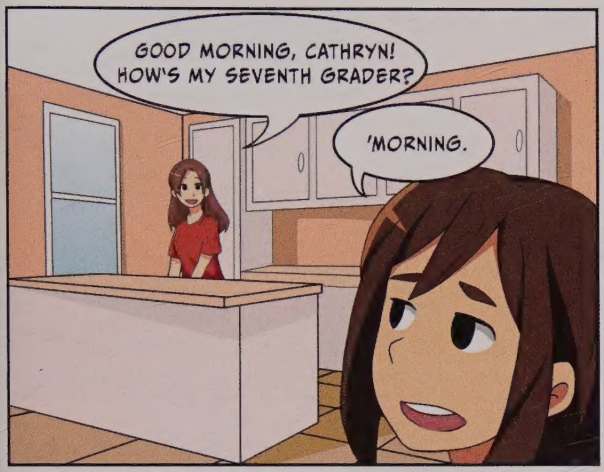

BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
UGH...
BEE-
SMACK
CATHRYN?
ARE YOU UP?
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE LATE ON YOUR FIRST DAY!
AUGUST
COMING...






GOOD MORNING, CATHRYN! HOW'S MY SEVENTH GRADER?
'MORNING.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO WEAR THAT NEW OUTFIT YOU GOT?
YOU ALWAYS WEAR THAT SHIRT.
I LIKE THIS SHIRT.

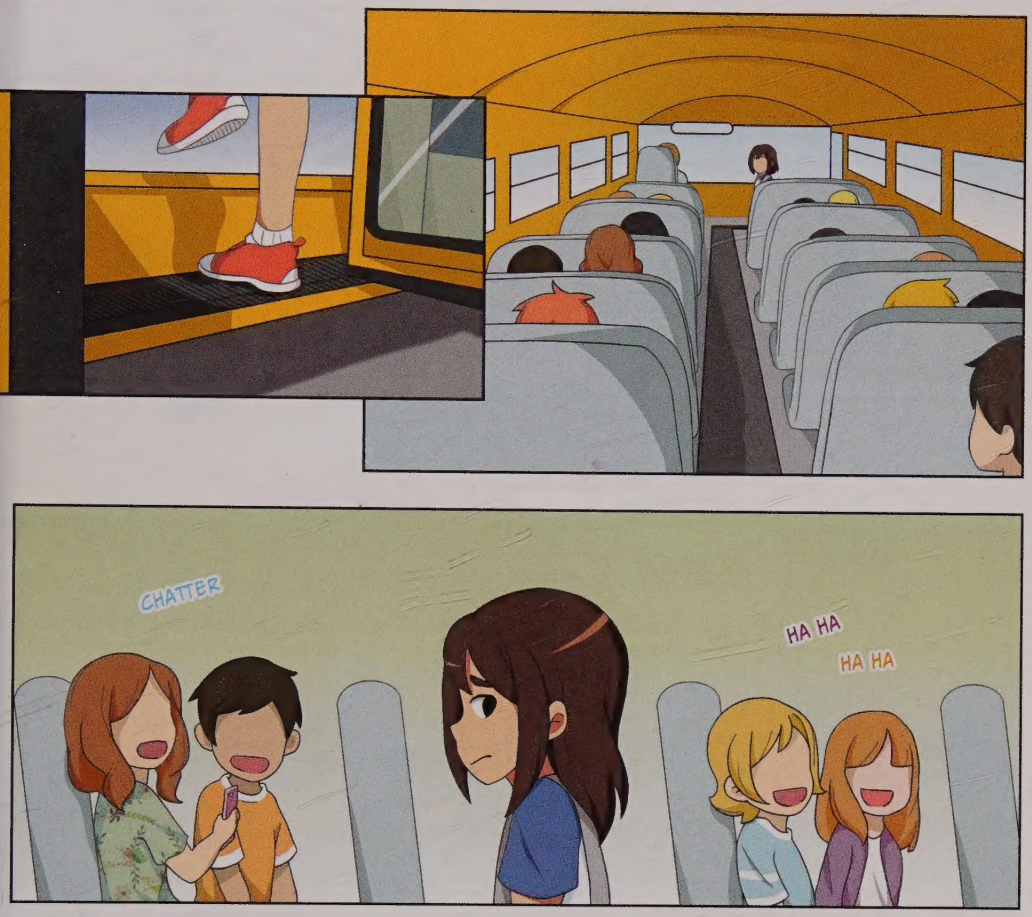
YOU SHOULD REALLY TRY TO BRANCH OUT MORE, CATHRYN.
OH, LOOK AT THE TIME! GOTTA RUN!
CATHRYN...

BYE MOM!

HAVE A GOOD DAY!
MAKE SOME FRIENDS!

...YEAH RIGHT.

SIGH
WATCH
CHILDRE
SCHOOL BUS
VROOOOOOOOOOOOMM
SCREEEEE
SQUEEZE



CHATTER
HA HA
HA HA

WHEW

HELLO!
!
I'M TYLER!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

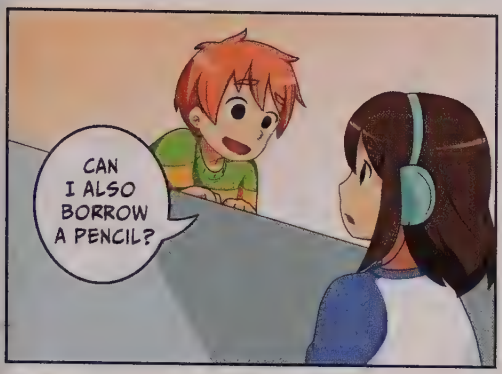
...UM
...IT'S CATHRYN.

NICE TO MEET YOU, CATHRYN!
I'VE NEVER RIDEN A BUS BEFORE. HAVE YOU?
...YEAH, I HAVE.
AT MY OLD SCHOOL, I NEVER RODE THE BUS.
MOM ALWAYS DROVE ME.
BUT THIS IS PRETTY COOL!
DO YOU LIKE BUSSES?
THERE'S TOO MUCH NOISE.
I THINK THEY'RE EXCITING!
HEY, WHAT GRADE ARE YOU IN?
SEVENTH.
I'M IN FOURTH. MY CLASSROOM IS 4A!
UH-HUH. THAT'S NICE.
WELL I GOTTA DO SOMETHING IMPORTANT NOW.
NICE TO MEET YOU!
...

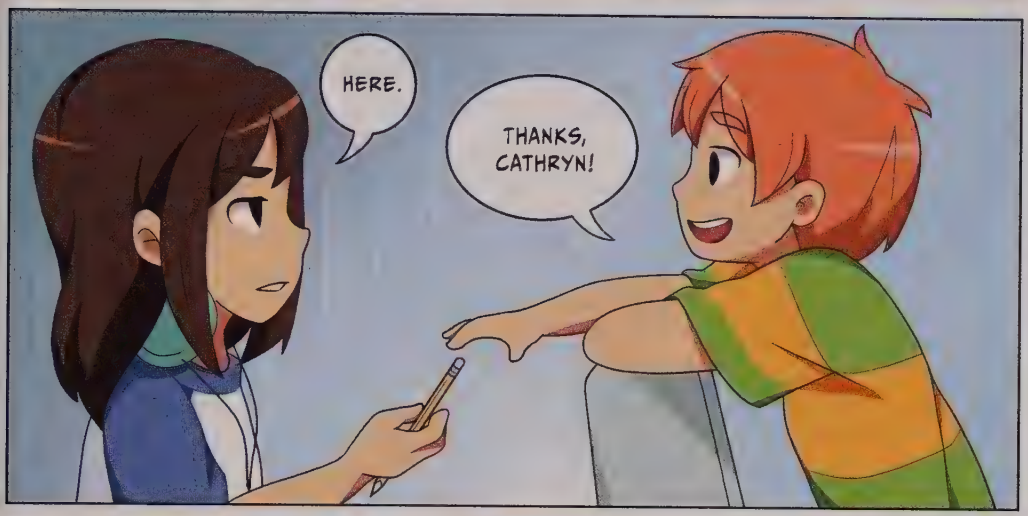
HEY, DO YOU HAVE ANY PAPER I CAN BORROW?
UM, SURE.

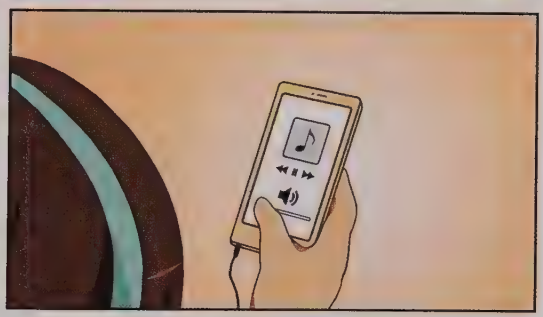
HERE YOU GO.

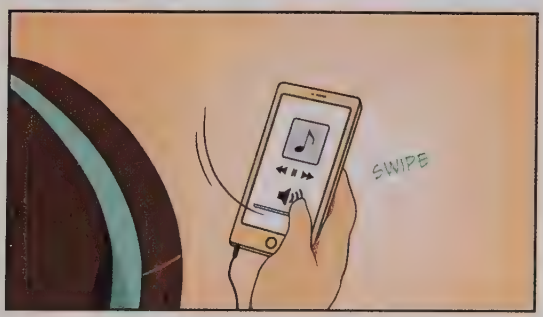
HEY, THANKS!


CAN I ALSO BORROW A PENCIL?

YOU DIDN'T BRING A PENCIL ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?
YEAH...

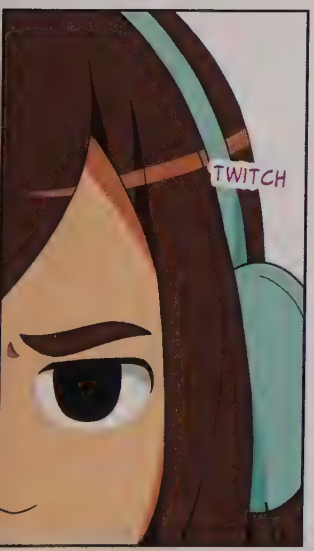

HERE.
THANKS, CATHRYN!




SWIPE

HUH?
I SAID, DO YOU HAVE ANY SCISSORS?
HERE.
YOU'RE SO PREPARED!
YOU SURE THAT'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED?
PRETTY SURE.

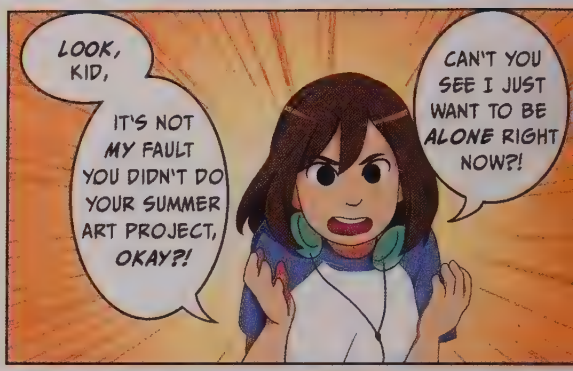
...
HEY, CATHRYN?
...
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO HAVE A BALLOON, WOULD YOU?


TWITCH

...WHY...

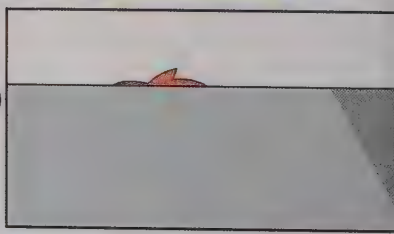
...IN THE WORLD...

...WOULD I HAVE A BALLOON?!


LOOK, KID,
IT'S NOT MY FAULT YOU DIDN'T DO YOUR SUMMER ART PROJECT, OKAY?!
CAN'T YOU SEE I JUST WANT TO BE ALONE RIGHT NOW?!

GET YOUR OWN STUPID BALLOON!

...SORRY...



STOP
SCREEEEEE
SOARING INTO A NEW YEAR

BRRRRIIIIIIINNNNNNNGGGGG!!!
HELP SUPPORT STUDENT GOVERNMENT!
COOKIES AND BROWNIES FOR A DOLLAR!
BAKE SALE
support student government!

UM, EXCUSE ME...
CAN I BUY THIS?
I MEAN, THIS IS A BAKE SALE...
BUT I DON'T SEE WHY NOT...
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
STEP

CLASSROOM 4A...
4A...
4A
THERE IT IS!
TYLER!
...

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
YES. TYLER...

TYLER SAID HE WAS WALKING HOME TODAY.
HE JUST LEFT...

THANK YOU!

NICE BALLOON!

PLEASE STILL BE HERE...

EXCUSE ME!
SORRY!
TYLER?
!
TYLER!
WAIT UP!

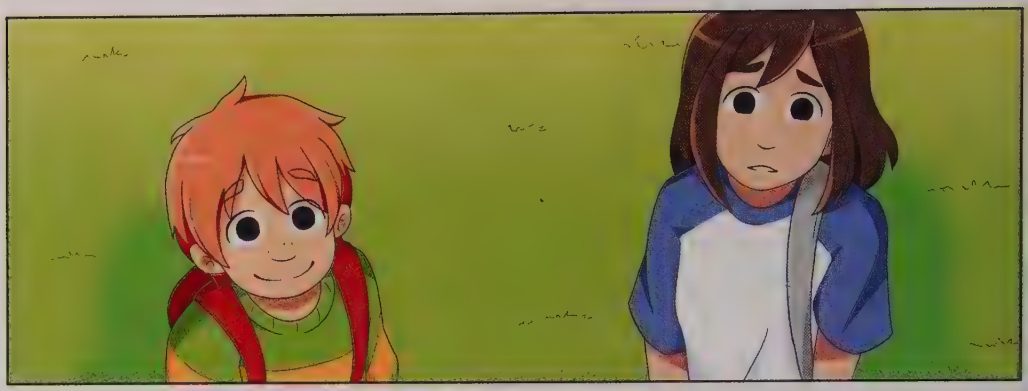
TYLER...
...I JUST WANTED TO APOLOGIZE FOR EARLIER.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE YELLED AT YOU.
I'M SORRY.
I WANTED TO GIVE THIS TO YOU... YOU KNOW, TO MAKE UP FOR IT.
OF COURSE I FORGIVE YOU!
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
OH! THAT REMINDS ME!
THANKS FOR LETTING ME BORROW THESE.
SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU SO MUCH.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
WERE YOU ABLE TO FINISH YOUR ART PROJECT?
OH, IT WASN'T AN ART PROJECT.

I WAS MAKING A CARD.
SEE?
IT'S MY MOM'S BIRTHDAY TODAY!
happy birthday mom!
love, TYLER
AW, TYLER, THAT'S SO SWEET OF YOU.
SHE'LL LOVE IT!
THANKS!
THE BALLOON IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART THOUGH.
WHY'S THAT?
THAT'S EASY!
YOU CAN'T SEND MAIL TO HEAVEN WITHOUT A BALLOON!

HEY— WANNA COME WITH ME TO DELIVER IT?
OF COURSE! BUT—
COME ON!

OKAY...
HERE LOOKS GOOD.
love, TYLER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MOM.
I MISS YOU.

BEEP
BEEP
SCHOOL BUS

THE END

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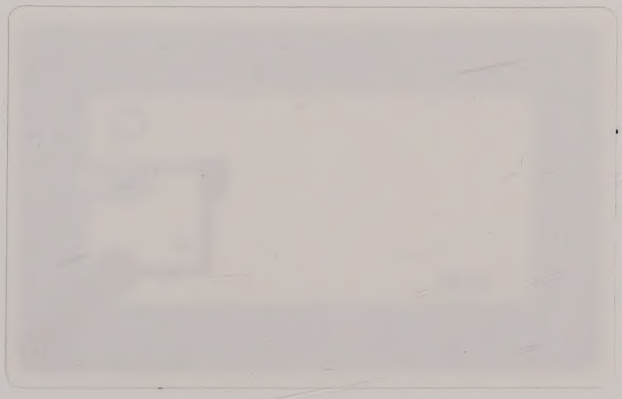

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